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SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of writing off of the amounts in view of the fact that famine conditions are prevailing in the taluk even though the wells have not been completed according to specifications? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, as I said in answer to clause (*a*), we have asked the Collector to pay special attention to the matter and send a report to the Government. Also, as stated in reply to clause (*b*), in individual cases the Government are examining the justification for relaxation of this rule to recover the subsidy wherever necessary."

Co-operative Rural Housing Scheme.

* 174 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijans are benefited under the Co-operative Rural Housing Scheme; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to construct houses under the housing scheme in Cuddapah district for the Harijans?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) No Harijan has so far joined any rural housing society and so no one has so far been benefited under the scheme.

" (*b*) Some Harijans in Cuddapah district have applied for construction of houses. The Special Development Officer, Cuddapah, is examining the question of organizing housing societies for them. There is no other proposal."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" Sir, may I know what is the amount of share capital to be contributed by the members, the amount of loan that would be granted for constructing the house and the number of instalments for the repayment of the loan? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, it is a very well-known and obvious principle. The loan to be advanced by the Government will be three times the paid-up share capital and the loan has got to be paid back over a period of twenty years."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the question of appointing a special officer of the Co-operative Department to assist the slum dwellers of Madras City in forming house building co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, it is a suggestion made by the hon. Member."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கின்ற ஹரிஜன முன்னேற்ற ஆபீசர்களுக்கு, வீடு கட்டித்தரும் கிராமக் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் இருப்பது தெரியுமா ? அம்மாதிரி இருப்பது இதுவரையிலும் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியாமலிருந்தால் கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் இனிமேலாவது அவர்களுக்கு அறிவிக்கத்தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பாரா ? "

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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, I request the question may be translated into English."

DR. T. S. SOUNDARAM RAMACHANDRAN :—" Sir, the hon. Member is asking whether the Harijan Welfare Officers in the districts know that such rural co-operative house-building societies are existing and, if they do not know of it as yet, will the Hon. Minister send circulars to all these officers to inform the Harijans that such schemes are in existence? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, the District Welfare Officers know the existence of this facility and, as a matter of fact, in regard to this particular instance in Cuddapah district, the District Harijan Welfare Officer has addressed the Special Development Officer."

Loans to the Agriculturists for the purchase of bulls.

* 175 Q.—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government intend giving loans to the agriculturists for the purchase of bulls in the famine stricken area of Kadiri, Tadpatri, Madakasira and Hindupur taluks in Anantapur district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. Provision already exists in the rules for the grant of loans for such purposes."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that cattle including bulls have died for want of fodder and in view of the fact that the agriculturists have been reduced to a poverty-stricken state on account of famine conditions, may I request the Hon. Minister to consider proposals for advancing special grants to the poor and deserving agriculturists to facilitate agricultural operations? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I am afraid, that Anantapur is already having a lion's share of these loans and the details will show that even Mr. T. Nagi Reddi could be satisfied. The details are—

	RS.
Loans for deepening wells ..	1,83,000 and odd.
Agricultural Loans and Land Improvement Loans	15,27,000 ,,
Subsistence Loans	1,65,000 ,,
Loans for installation of pumping sets	1,95,000 ,, "

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" In view of the fact that some thousands of cattle have died in Kadiri taluk, and in view of the fact that rains have now come and that the agriculturists have to cultivate the fields again, will the Government consider the question of 11-20 a.m.